Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 2, 8, 12, 15, 29, 30, 33, 36 and 40 have been amended. Claims 5, 6, 17, 18, and 24 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-4, 8-16, 19-23 and 25-40 are now presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection,

Steere, Jr. et al.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 7, 12, 29, 35 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Steere, Jr. et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,848,298 ("Steere"). The Applicants respectfully disagree and submit the following amendments and arguments to overcome the rejection.

As understood by the Applicants, Steere, in Figure 9 and related discussion, discloses a wallet with two bays to receive to personal information devices in the form of PCMCIA cards. Independent claim 1 has been amended to require that the claimed wallet comprise "a first portion integrally including an exclusive input device for receiving user-supplied input, wherein the exclusive input device is only for receiving the user-supplied input, and the exclusive input device is integrated with the first portion of the wallet." (emphasis added)

The invention claimed in claim 1 thus related to a wallet that integrally included an exclusive input device, such as a keyboard. An advantage of this may be to have a larger input area that is easier to use due to its increased size. When a personal

information devise is plugged into the wallet, this exclusive input device may be used instead or in addition to the input features of the personal information device.

Steere does not teach or suggest either coupling an exclusive input device with a portion of a wallet, nor integrating the exclusive input device into the body of the wallet. The other references cited by the Examiner also do not teach or suggest these limitations. Therefore, independent claim 1 is allowable. Independent claims 12 and 29 have also been amended to include limitations similar to those in independent claim 1. Therefore, the preceding arguments apply to these claims as well, and claims 12 and 29 are also allowable. Furthermore, claim dependent on these independent claims adding further limitations are also allowable. Therefore all claims presented for examination are allowable.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection,

Steere, Jr. et al.

The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 15, 30, 33, 34 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Steere. As argued above, these claims depend on allowable independent claims 1, 12, and 29 and add further limitation, and are therefore allowable over Steere and all other references cited by the Examiner.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection,

Steere, Jr. et al. in view of Gee

The Examiner has rejected claims 3, 9-11, 13, 16, 31 and 37-39 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Steere and further in view of Gee et al., U.S. Patent

No. 5,619,396 ("Gee"). The Applicants respectfully disagree, and submit the following arguments in support of their position.

As understood by the Applicants, Gee is directed to modular PCMCIA cards and their connections. Gee does not teach or suggest, nor is it claimed by the Examiner to teach or suggest, the wallet as claimed in the present invention. Since claims 3, 9-11, 13, 16, 31 and 37-39 depend on allowable independent claims and add further limitations, they are allowable.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection,

Steere, Jr. et al.

The Examiner has rejected claims 4, 14 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Steere in view of Ohdake et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,594,680 ("Ohdake"). The Applicants respectfully disagree, and submit the following arguments in support of their position.

As understood by the Applicants, Ohdake is directed to communications using induction coils. Ohdake does not teach or suggest, nor is it claimed by the Examiner to teach or suggest, the wallet as claimed in the present invention. Since claims 4, 14 and 32 depend on allowable independent claims and add further limitations, they are allowable.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.
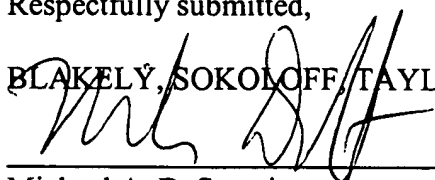
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1   1.   (Amended) A wallet for use with a personal information device, said

2   wallet comprising:

3   a first portion integrally including an exclusive input device for receiving

4   [a] user-supplied [entry] input, wherein the exclusive input device is only for

5   receiving the user-supplied input, and the exclusive input device is integrated with

6   the first portion of the wallet; and

7   a second portion rotatably coupled to said first portion, said second portion

8   [being adapted] to receive and detachably retain a personal information device in

9   the form of a PCMCIA card, said second portion including supply means

10   electrically coupled to said exclusive input device and being adapted to supply a

11   signal representing said user-supplied [entry] input to said information device.

1   2.   (Amended) The wallet of claim 1, wherein said exclusive input device is a

2   touch pad in the form of a keyboard.

1   5-6.   (Cancelled)

1   8.   (Amended) The wallet of claim 1, wherein said first and second portions

2   represent first and second halves, respectively, and are adapted to be held in an

3   open position in which a display of said personal information device and said

4   exclusive input device of said wallet are both accessible to the user, and are

5   adapted to be folded together wherein respective faces of said first and second

6   halves face each other defining a closed position; and wherein neither said display

7   of said personal information device nor said exclusive input device of said wallet

8   is accessible to said user in said closed position.

1   12.   (Amended) A wallet in combination with a personal information device,

2   the combination comprising:

3   a wallet first portion including an <u>exclusive</u> input device for receiving [a]

4   user-supplied [entry] <u>input, wherein the exclusive input device is only for</u>

5   <u>receiving the user-supplied input, and the exclusive input device is integrated with</u>

6   <u>the wallet first portion;</u>

7   a wallet second portion rotatably coupled to said first portion, said wallet

8   second portion [being adapted] to receive and detachably retain a PCMCIA card,

9   <u>said wallet second portion including output means for providing said user-</u>

10   <u>supplied input as an output;</u>

11   a personal information device in the form of a PCMCIA card, said

12   personal information device detachably retained in said wallet second portion,

13   said personal information device including:

14   a display for displaying information to the user;

15   an input device for receiving <u>additional</u> user-supplied input, and

16   input means for receiving data from said <u>output means of said</u> wallet <u>second</u>

17   <u>portion</u> when said personal information device is retained <u>in said wallet first</u>

18   <u>portion</u> [therein,

19   and said wallet second portion includes output means for providing said user-

20   supplied entry as an output of said wallet to said input means of said personal

21   information device].

1   15.   (Amended) The combination of claim 12, wherein said <u>exclusive</u> input

2   device in said wallet first portion is a touch pad in the form of a keyboard.

1   17-18. (Cancelled)

1   24.   (Cancelled)

1   29.   (Amended) A wallet for use with personal information device, said wallet

2   comprising:

3   a first portion including an integrated <u>exclusive</u> input device <u>only</u> for receiving [a]

4   user-supplied [entry] <u>input</u>; and

5   a second portion rotatably coupled to said first portion, said second portion being

6   adapted to receive and detachably retain a personal information device in the form

7   of a PCMCIA card, said second portion including an interface electrically coupled

8   to said <u>exclusive</u> input device and being adapted to communicate with said

9   information device.

1   30.   (Amended) The wallet of claim 29, wherein said <u>exclusive</u> input device is

2   a touch pad in the form of a keyboard.

1   33.   (Amended) The wallet of claim 29, wherein said <u>exclusive</u> input device is

2   a touch-sensitive display device operable to display information to the user, and

3   said interface is operable to receive from said personal information device control

4   data, and said touch-sensitive display device provides a display to said user in

5   accordance with said control data.

1   36.   (Amended) The wallet of claim 29, wherein said first and second portions

2   represent first and second halves, respectively, and are adapted to be held in an

3   open position in which a display of said personal information device and said

4   <u>exclusive</u> input device of said wallet are both accessible to the user, and are

5   adapted to be folded together wherein respective faces of said first and second

6   halves face each other defining a closed position, and wherein neither said display

7   of said personal information device nor said <u>exclusive</u> input device of said wallet

8   is accessible to said user in said closed position.

1   40.   (Amended) The wall of claim 29, wherein said interface is adapted to

2   supply a signal representing said user-supplied [entry] <u>input</u> to said information

3   device.